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A heart-to-heart with Elyon

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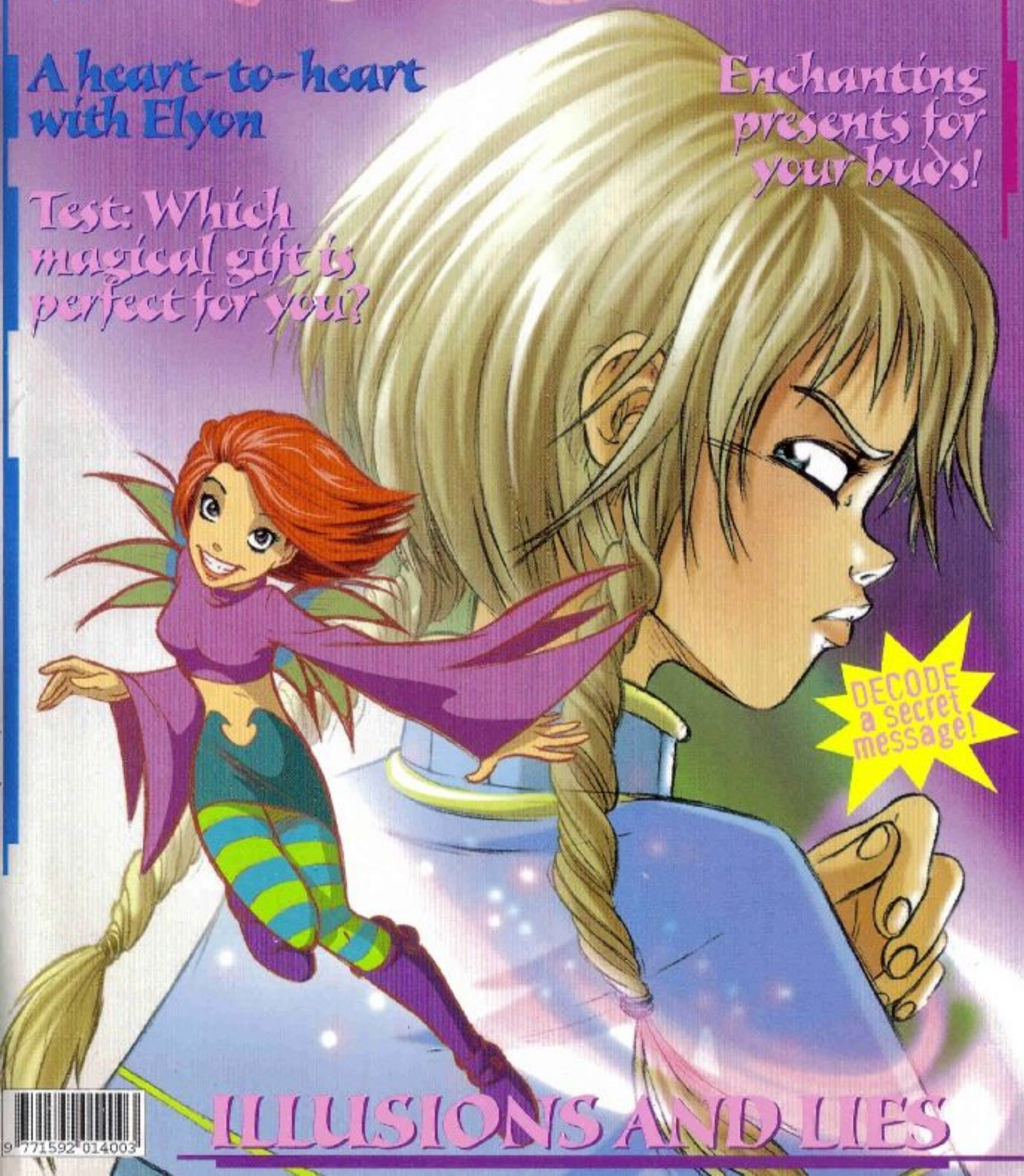

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"Sometimes, words are not enough to express a feeling..."

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CITY OF MERIDIAN. THE LORD CEDRIC TREMBLES AS HE REPORTS TO THE COURT OF PHOBOS...

I BEG YOUR FORGIVENESS, INDULGENT COURT OF THE WHISPERERS!

"ONCE AGAIN, I WAS BEATEN BY THE POWER OF THE FIVE GUARDIANS OF THE PORTALS..."

"EVEN THE CAPTURE OF ONE OF THEM, TARANEE, HAS FAILED! THE GUARDIANS WERE ABLE TO ENTER MERIDIAN AND FREE HER..."*

*SEE W.I.T.C.H. #3 AND 4.

OUR PEOPLE HAVE SEEN THE EARTHLY BEINGS! A GROUP OF TRAITORS IS NOW LOOKING FOR A PASSAGE IN THE WALL!

THEY WANT THE PROMISED LAND! WHO ARE WE TO DENY THEM OF IT?

IT'S PRINCE PHOBOS HIMSELF!

YES! I DON'T USE THE WHISPERERS TO TALK TO DESERVING OFFICIALS!

DO THE INHABITANTS OF MERIDIAN WANT TO REACH THE EARTH? WELL, YOU WILL HAVE TO SUPPORT THEM!

WHAT? BUT FOR WHICH REASON?

DO YOU THINK MY REASONS ARE NOT MORE THAN ENOUGH?

AAAH! N-NO! FORGIVE ME, MY PRINCE!

HHAATZz

USE A SPY! HE MUST CONVINCE THE FUGITIVES THAT THE GUARDIANS ARE HOSTILE AND DANGEROUS!

YOU YOURSELF WILL OPEN THE PASSAGE FOR THEM, WEAKENING THE POWER OF THE FIVE EARTHLY GIRLS!

I'LL DO IT!

GOOD! LET'S CREATE A SPLIT IN THE GREAT WALL! AND LET IT BE IRREPARABLE!

EARTH. IN THE HEATHERFIELD SPORTS CENTER, SOME TIME AFTER...

GO WILL! TWO MORE STROKES!

YEEESSS!

FRUUUSH

GOOD TIME! VERY GOOD TIME!

UFF! THANKS, VERA! BUT WITHOUT YOUR HELP, I WOULD NEVER HAVE MANAGED IT!

I'VE BEEN IN GREAT SHAPE SINCE YOU STARTED TRAINING ME! DO YOU REALLY HAVE TO GO AWAY?

I'M ONLY A **SUBSTITUTE**. THE HEAD TRAINER WILL BE COMING BACK SOON! BUT LET'S TALK ABOUT YOU...

I SIGNED YOU UP FOR THE **SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIPS** WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE HERE!

REALLY?

I'M NOT JOKING! I'VE ALREADY MENTIONED YOU TO THE DIRECTORS OF THE SHEFFIELD INSTITUTE.

THAT'S FANTASTIC!

IF YOU ARE CHOSEN, YOU WILL HAVE TO TRAIN EVERYDAY! I WANT YOUR MOTHER'S PERMISSION!

YOU'LL HAVE IT! I'LL TALK TO HER ABOUT IT TONIGHT AT DINNER!

YES! I CAN'T BELIEVE I WAS ABLE TO ACHIEVE MY GOAL WITHOUT USING MY POWERS!

FINALLY, I CAN SHOW THEM HOW GOOD I AM! MOM WILL BE ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT IT!

ON THE CONTRARY...

MY ANSWER IS NO!

WHAT?

YOU HEARD ME, WILL! HELP ME CLEAR THE TABLE.

AND YOU HELP ME UNDERSTAND **WHY!**

YOU CANNOT TRAIN! YOU MUST STUDY! YOU HAVE TOO **MANY LOW** MARKS!

WHO TOLD YOU THIS? IT'S **COLLINS**, ISN'T IT? THAT... THAT...

BE CAREFUL! YOUR HISTORY TEACHER IS ALSO MY **GOOD FRIEND!**

NOT ONLY HAS HE MORTIFIED ME IN FRONT OF MY FRIENDS, BUT NOW HE IS ALSO **SPYING** ON ME!

STOP IT!

I WOULD'VE RAISED MY GRADES BEFORE THE **CONSULTATION**, BUT YOU'VE ALREADY DRAWN YOUR CONCLUSIONS!

SBAM

THE MORNING AFTER IN FRONT OF THE SHEFFIELD INSTITUTE...

WHY? WHY?

WHY DID I HAVE TO TELL THE BIOLOGY TEACHER THAT I'M FOND OF PHOTOGRAPHY?

"GOOD, TARANEE! TAKE PICTURES OF THREE BUGS AND MAKE A RELATION, DARLING!"

THERE'S ONLY ONE SMALL DETAIL: BUGS DISGUST ME!

PLUS, THEY LOOK BIGGER WITH MY ZOOM LENS!

A BUTTERFLY! MY SAVIOR!

STOP JUST A MINUTE, BEAUTIFUL BUTTERFLY! STOP, STOP A LITTLE, DON'T MOVE YOUR LITTLE WINGS...

FRUSH

URIAH!

LOOK WHO'S AROUND AGAIN! THE JUDGE'S **DAUGHTER!**

WHAT DO YOU WANT?

ONLY TO TELL YOU THAT THANKS TO YOUR MOTHER, WE'LL BE FACING ONE YEAR OF **SOCIAL SERVICES** INSIDE THE MUSEUM!"

*SEE W.I.T.C.H. #5.

WE MUST CLEAN THE GALLERIES, DUST AND DO OTHER DISGUSTING THINGS!

LET'S GO, URIAH! STUDENTS ARE STARTING TO ARRIVE!

SHUT UP, **NIGEL**! I ONLY WANT THIS LITTLE GIRL TO UNDERSTAND WHO RULES AROUND HERE!

HER FAMILY HAS JUST ARRIVED IN TOWN AND...

THERE ARE MANY PEOPLE ON THE STAIRS!

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FULL OF PEOPLE? ARE YOU CRAZY? IT WAS JUST THAT LITTLE GIRL THERE!

FROM HERE, I THOUGHT I SAW...

IS EVERYTHING ALL RIGHT, TARANEE?

IT IS NOW, HAY LIN!

COME ON, BOYS! WE'LL CONTINUE THIS CONVERSATION SOME OTHER TIME!

WERE THEY BOTHERING YOU?

THEY WERE JUST BRAGGING! BUT THERE IS ANOTHER PROBLEM...

HOW DO I FIND...

...MY BUTTERFLY AGAIN?

WHAT'S UP, GIRLS? I JUST SAW URIAH AND HIS BAND WALKING AWAY!

IT'S NOTHING SERIOUS, WILL! WHY ARE YOU UP SO EARLY?

I ALWAYS ARRIVE LATE FOR HISTORY CLASS! THIS TIME, I DON'T WANT TO **GIVE** HIM A REASON TO SCOLD ME!

I IMAGINE YOU'RE REFERRING TO PROFESSOR COLLINS!

"THERE'S NOTHING AMUSING! THE **HOSTILITIES** BETWEEN HIM AND ME ARE OFFICIALLY OPEN!"

GOOD AFTERNOON, GUYS! BE COMFORTABLE! DON'T GET UP!

AND WHO WAS GETTING UP, PROFESSOR?

I WAS SARCASTIC, **LIPSTIZ!** GET YOUR FEET OFF YOUR DESK AND TELL ME WHERE WILL VANDOM IS!

I KNOW! SHE WENT TO THE LOO! YOU DIDN'T ARRIVE AND...

THE FACT THAT I'M **LATE** DOESN'T JUSTIFY HER LEAVING WITHOUT **PERMISSION!**

BUT IF YOU AREN'T HERE, WHO SHOULD WE ASK PERMISSION FROM?

LIPSTIZ, GO AND TALK TO PRINCIPAL KNICKERBOCHER! YOU KNOW THE WAY!

ALL RIGHT! SO WE'RE PLAYING A GAME OF CHESS THAT WE STARTED THE OTHER DAY. YOU'RE IN A BAD MOOD TODAY, AREN'T YOU?

OH, NO! IF LIPSTIZ HAS BEEN HURLED **OUT**, IT MEANS THAT COLLINS IS **INSIDE!**

I ARRIVED EARLY THIS MORNING AND I STILL MANAGED TO MAKE HIM SCOLD ME **ALL THE SAME!**

WELCOME BACK! IT'S A PLEASURE TO SEE YOU!

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WHAT'S WRONG, WILL?

N-NOTHING, **CORNELIA!** EVERYTHING IS ALL RIGHT!

WHEN I PASSED BY COLLINS, I FELT **DIZZY!**

MAYBE YOU LACK SLEEP OR YOU'RE HUNGRY!

NO! IT'S THE SAME FEELING I HAVE NEAR A **PORTAL** OR A BEING FROM **MERIDIAN!**

THIS YEAR'S PROGRAM IS EXTENSIVE, AND THIS IS WHY I'VE DECIDED TO GIVE YOU A HEALTHY REVIEW!

HISTORY

YOU ALREADY QUIZZED ME LAST LESSON!

I KNOW! BUT, AS LIPSTIZ SAYS, I'M IN A BAD MOOD TODAY!

WILL! CAN YOU REMIND US WHAT LIFE WAS LIKE IN THE MIDDLE AGES?

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I...DON'T REMEMBER THIS PART! IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME!

NICE CUE! YOU TALK ABOUT **TIME** WITH A TEACHER OF **HISTORY**!

LET'S DO IT LIKE **THIS**! WE MOVE ON TO THE CHAPTER ON THE RENAISSANCE PERIOD, WHILE **YOU**...

...YOU SHALL SPEND **YOUR** TIME WRITING A **REPORT** ON THE STATE OF MAN DURING THE MIDDLE AGES!

DO YOU KNOW WHAT MY ANSWER IS, PROFESSOR? FORGET IT!

YOU SAID THAT AND COLLINS DIDN'T HURL YOU OUT?

IN REALITY, I ANSWERED WITH: "YES, PROFESSOR!"

BUT YOU SHOULD HAVE HEARD MY TONE WHEN I SAID IT!

CORNELIA! YOU SAW THE WAY HE ATTACKED ME!

I HAVE TO ADMIT, HE DOESN'T USUALLY PUNISH HARSHLY!

THAT SHOULD PROVE SOMETHING! COLLINS ISN'T **NORMAL!**

REMEMBER, PROFESSOR **RUDOLPH** CAME FROM THE METAWORLD, TOO!

COME ON! ANOTHER **MONSTER?** AND YOU ONLY REALIZED IT NOW?

DON'T YOU THINK IT'S POSSIBLE THAT YOU JUST HAVE SOMETHING **PERSONAL** AGAINST HIM?

ARE YOU SAYING I'M MAKING THIS ALL UP?

I'M ONLY SAYING THAT MAYBE YOU **BELIEVE** YOU HAD THAT FAINTING SPELL AND...

STOP! DON'T DO IT! DON'T SAY ANYTHING ELSE!

DO YOU THINK SHE'S RIGHT?

COME ON, WILL! YOU MUST ADMIT IT'S A STRANGE COINCIDENCE!

YOU'VE ALREADY SAID THAT COLLINS IS A SPY FOR YOUR MOTHER!

I USUALLY DON'T AGREE WITH CORNELIA, BUT THIS TIME...

I MUST GO!

WILL! WAIT!

LET HER GO, TARANEE!

BUT SHE'S UPSET!

SHE'S CONFUSED! WE ARE THE GUARDIANS! A LOT OF STRANGE THINGS ARE HAPPENING TO US...

...BUT IT DOESN'T MEAN WE HAVE TO SEE DANGER EVERYWHERE!

"...AND SEE EVERY PERSON AS A CREATURE FROM THE METAWORLD."

PROFESSOR COLLINS!

DON'T YOU KNOW THIS SIDE OF THE SCHOOL IS CLOSED FOR REPAIRS?

OF COURSE I KNOW, BERTOLD! YOU ALREADY TOLD ME THIS MORNING!

AND LIKE THIS MORNING, YOU WILL NOW FORGET SEEING ME!

Y...YES, MISTER! I'LL GO NOW, MISTER!

EARTH PEOPLE! BAH!

SOME MINDS ARE TOO EASY TO CONTROL!

BUT I MUST ADMIT THAT THE ONE BELONGING TO THE REAL COLLINS HAS GIVEN ME A ROUGH TIME!

COLLINS! CAN YOU HEAR ME?

YES!

THE BREAK HAS ENDED! WHEN YOU GO BACK TO YOUR CLASSROOM, YOU WON'T REMEMBER ANYTHING!

YES!

GOOD! IT'S TIME FOR ME TO GO BACK TO WORK AS WELL!

BUT I ABSOLUTELY CANNOT DO IT IN THESE CONDITIONS...

THAT'S IT! IT'S MUCH BETTER THIS WAY.

PROFESSOR COLLINS! EVEN IF CONSTRUCTION HAS BEEN STOPPED, THIS SIDE OF THE SCHOOL IS FORBIDDEN TO THE PUBLIC!

WHY DO I HAVE A FEELING I ALREADY TOLD YOU THIS?

MAYBE IT'S **DEJA VU**, BERTOLD!

ON THE CONTRARY, I'M GETTING CONFUSED! WHAT AM I DOING HERE?

WHAT AM I DOING HERE?

I HATE HEATHERFIELD! I DIDN'T WANT TO COME HERE! AND MOMMY HAS ALWAYS KNOWN IT!

MATT! HE IS THE ONLY ONE WHO MAKES THIS TOWN **BEARABLE!**

HELLO! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

MY CLASSES HAVE NOT STARTED, BUT I COULD ASK YOU THE SAME QUESTION! EVERYTHING ALL RIGHT?

WELL, I...

HEY, MATT!

COME ON, MAN! YOU'RE THE ONLY **ONE** MISSING!

COMING!

SORRY, BUT THE BOYS FROM **COBALT BLUE** ARE WAITING FOR ME! WE'RE TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE TIME TO GO AND TRY OUT AT THE INSTITUTE! I'LL SEE YOU LATER OKAY?

YES, YES! GO, DON'T WORRY!

BUT THEN, WOULD I REALLY HAVE A REASON TO STAY AT HEATHERFIELD?

MEANWHILE, ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE TOWN...

BOOK shop

CLOSE

TALK TO ME, FAITHFUL VATHEK! TELL ME HOW THINGS ARE GOING!

GOOD, LORD CEDRIC! I'VE ENTERED THE UNDERGROUND OF MERIDIAN AND I'VE INFILTRATED THE REBELS!

I TOLD THEM THAT I'VE BETRAYED YOU! UNFORTUNATELY, SOME DON'T BELIEVE ME!

GO ON!

THEY ARE DIVIDED! THOSE WHO FELL FOR MY TRICK ARE NOW UNDER MY ORDERS!

REALLY? I DIDN'T THINK YOU WERE SO CHARISMATIC, OLD FRIEND!

THEY ARE FEW AND DESPERATE, LORD CEDRIC! THEY WOULD BELIEVE ANYBODY!

DON'T MAKE THEM INFLUENCE YOU! REMEMBER WHOM YOU MUST OBEY!

I WON'T FORGET, MY MASTER! I ONLY WONDER WHY WE MUST DECEIVE THEM!

WE'RE NOT DECEIVING THEM! EVEN BETTER! WE'RE GIVING THEM A REAL CHANCE OF INVADING EARTH!

AND WE'RE ALSO DOING THEM A FAVOR! I'M USING ALL MY RESOURCES TO WEAKEN THE GUARDIANS!

MAY I KNOW HOW?

FIRST OF ALL, UNDERMINING ALL THE DEAREST AFFECTIONS OF THE KEEPER OF KANDRAKAR'S HEART! WILL!

IT HASN'T BEEN DIFFICULT TO ADD CONFUSION INTO HER LIFE! AT THE RIGHT TIME, SHE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO HELP HER FRIENDS!

Ye Olde Book Shop

BUT THE FINISHING STROKE IS UP TO ELYON! SHE IS ALSO DOING HER PART!

AND WILL MY PLAN TAKE PLACE TONIGHT?

YES, VATHEK! INSTILL THE RAGE IN YOUR FOLLOWERS! TEACH THEM TO HATE THE GUARDIANS!

WE'LL LEAVE THEM THE TASK OF DESTROYING THEM!

"...DESTROYING THE GIRLS WITH THEIR RAGE!"

EHI, DORMOUSE! HOW DID YOU MANAGE TO GET OUT OF MY BEDROOM?

I DIDN'T FEEL LIKE COMING BACK HOME TODAY! MY PROBLEMS ARE ALL HERE!

AND I DON'T WANT TO TAKE YOU TO THE ANIMAL SHOP OF MATT'S GRANDFATHER EITHER! I DON'T WANT TO SEE ANYBODY!

THE LIGHT OF THE **ANSWERING** MACHINE IS ON! I BET THERE'S A MESSAGE FROM MOM!

...HELLO, WILL! I'LL BE BACK LATE THIS EVENING AGAIN! KEEP YOUR CELL PHONE ON SO I CAN FIND YOU. BLAH, BLAH, BLAH...

IT'S ME AGAIN! I'LL BE LATE TODAY! BUT I'LL BRING SOMETHING READY FOR DINNER! AH! KEEP YOUR CELL PHONE ON...

BIP

DID YOU HEAR THAT? LET'S SEE IF THERE'S SOMETHING MORE BIZARRE...

BIP

HELLO, WILL! IT'S VERA! I HAVE SOME GREAT NEWS FOR YOU! COME TO THE SWIMMING POOL WHEN YOU CAN!

YES! I DON'T WANT TO HEAR ANYTHING ELSE!

DAT

I'LL GET MY BAG AND LEAVE QUICKLY! SWIMMING HELPS ME THINK!

HERE I GO! SEE YOU, DORMOUSE! AND DON'T BREAK ANYTHING!

SLAM

BIP

IT'S YOUR MOMMY AGAIN! I FORGOT TO TELL YOU THAT...

...I LOVE YOU!

DRRRING

BAH! YES, YES! WE ARE GOING BACK TO OUR CLASSROOM! I HATE THE NOISE OF THAT **BELL**!

THE SOUND IS PLEASING TO THE EARS, IRMA!

FOR EXAMPLE, IT BRINGS BACK MEMORIES OF A BOY WHO LOVED WALKING DOWN THESE HALLS...

MELODY?

YOU HAVE THE COURAGE TO CALL IT **SOUND**?

CAN YOU ALSO USE YOUR **POWER** ON THAT OUT-OF-TUNE BELL?

I CAN DO IT SELECTIVELY! EVERY MELODY IS LINKED TO A CERTAIN MEMORY AND I GET TO FEEL IT!

EVEN THE SOUND OF FOOTSTEPS IN THE HALL IS DISTINCT. DO YOU HEAR THEM? LIGHT! HESITANT! I REMEMBER...

PROFESSOR RUDOLPH!

YOU THINK SO? I THOUGHT IT WAS BERTOLD, THE KEEPER!

YIKES! IT'S REALLY HER!

WELL, WHY ARE YOU LOOKING AT ME THAT WAY? I'M BACK FROM **MY VACATION!**

YES! DID YOU REST ENOUGH AT **METAWORLD?**

DON'T BE ON GUARD! HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN THAT I SAVED YOUR LIFE AT **MERIDIAN?"**

"AND YOU, HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN IT? READ AGAIN W.I.T.C.H. #4, THINKING OF TARANEE.

AND YOU, TARANEE, I SEE YOU ARE WELL! I'M GLAD!

T-THANK YOU!

TELL US THE TRUTH! YOU DON'T BELONG IN THIS WORLD! WHY DID YOU COME BACK?

TO SAVE YOU AGAIN! I COULDN'T LEAVE YOU IN THE HANDS OF THAT **SUBSTITUTE** TEACHER

JOKING ASIDE, WHEN YOU DISCOVERED MY REAL NATURE, I HAD TO ESCAPE...

"IN YOUR EYES, MY REAL IDENTITY LOOKED MONSTROUS! WHEN SOMETHING FRIGHTENS YOU, YOU HUMAN BEINGS TEND TO **DESTROY** IT!"

BUT NOW, I REALLY THINK THAT WE COULD HELP EACH OTHER!

AND HOW?

THE SCHOOL IS NOT THE RIGHT PLACE TO TALK ABOUT IT! COME TO MY HOUSE THIS AFTERNOON! I'LL GIVE YOU TEA AND BISCUITS!

GOOD MORNING EVERYBODY! SETTLE DOWN, CLASS!

AS I WAS TELLING YOUR CLASSMATES, I'VE TAKEN A BREAK...

IRMA! CAN YOU HEAR ME?

TARANEE! ARE YOU COMMUNICATING WITH ME MENTALLY?

YES, IRMA! AND YOU ARE ANSWERING ME! I'M TESTING MY POWERS!

ARE YOU SAYING THAT WE CAN TALK AND NOBODY CAN HEAR US?

YES! NOW I'LL TRY TO CONTACT HAY LIN, TOO!

HEY! I HEAR YOU, GIRLS! THIS IS ABSOLUTELY BETTER THAN NOTE PASSING!

I CANNOT KEEP THE **MENTAL LINK** FOR LONG! LISTEN..

WHAT DO WE DO, IRMA? SHALL WE GO TO RUDOLPH'S, TONIGHT?

I DON'T KNOW! SHE'S TOO **SUSPICIOUS!** I DON'T TRUST HER!

I SAY LET'S TRY! YOU KNOW I'M CURIOUS!

ALL RIGHT, HAY LIN! BUT WITHOUT CORNELIA AND WILL, I WON'T GO BACK TO THAT HOUSE!

RIGHT! ABOUT WILL, I'M WORRIED ABOUT HER! CAN YOU CON-TACT HER, TABANEE?

ONLY BY PHONE! SHE'S TOO FAR AWAY AND MY POWER IS LIMITED!

BUT YOU'RE RIGHT! I WOULDN'T LIKE TO FIND OUT THAT **CEDRIC** IS BEHIND RUDOLPH'S STRANGE BEHAVIOR!

"THAT BEING IS A MASTER OF DECEPTION AND LIES..."

HAVE YOU DECIDED TO TRAIN YOURSELF IMMEDIATELY, WILL?

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HELLO, VERA! I HEARD YOUR MESSAGE ON THE ANSWERING MACHINE!

YES, BUT I THOUGHT YOU HEARD ME SAYING TO TRAIN **AFTER** SCHOOL AND NOT **DURING**!

WHAT WOULD YOUR MOTHER SAY IF SHE FOUND OUT ABOUT IT?

I NEVER **SKIPPED** CLASS! I WAS REQUIRED TO DO IT...

DO YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT IT?

WOOSH

TWO ITALIAN CAPPUCCINOS, VERA!

THANK YOU, BILL! YOU'RE A TREASURE!

THIS IS A NICE BAR!

YES! THE BARTENDER IS NOT SO BAD EITHER!

VERA! WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?

I SAY YOU HAVE TO LOOK AROUND, GIRL!

GYM

BAR

IN THIS WORLD, THERE ARE SO MANY PEOPLE OTHER THAN MATT AND YOUR FOUR FRIENDS!

IN THIS WORLD, MAYBE! BUT AT HEATHERFIELD...

LISTEN TO ME! DON'T WASTE YOUR TIME WITH THAT GUY! YOU DESERVE SOMEONE BETTER!

MATT MEANS A LOT TO ME! THOUGH HE STILL DOESN'T KNOW IT...

CAN YOU LISTEN TO YOURSELF? YOU'RE DAYDREAMING ABOUT THE WRONG GUY!

AS FOR YOUR FRIENDS, YOU STILL HAVEN'T TOLD ME WHY YOU FOUGHT!

A DIFFERENCE OF OPINION! ESPECIALLY WITH CORNELIA!

SHE'D LOVE TO BE THE **LEADER** OF THE GROUP!

AND YOU LET HER DO SO!

I CAN'T LEAVE THE GIRLS! THERE IS... **SOMETHING BIG** THAT LINKS US!

LET HER TAKE WHAT SHE WANTS! AT YOUR AGE, IT'S EASY TO MAKE NEW FRIENDS!

BELIEVE WHAT YOU WANT TO, BUT LET'S GO TO THE REASON WHY I CALLED YOU...

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REALLY? YA-HOOOO!

IT'S FANTASTIC NEWS, BUT MOMMY WILL NOT TAKE IT WELL!

SHE'LL HAVE TO! IT'S OFFICIAL! YOU'LL REPRESENT THE SCHOOL AT THE CHAMPIONSHIPS!

I'LL TALK TO YOUR MOTHER! SHE'LL CHANGE HER MIND WHEN SHE SEES WHAT YOU CAN DO!

OH, VERA! YOU ARE TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE!

HONESTLY, DO YOU THINK I CAN **STUDY AND TRAIN** AT THE SAME TIME?

CERTAINLY! IT'S ONLY A QUESTION OF ORGANIZING YOUR SCHED-ULE! DON'T YOU HAVE TO GO IN A WHILE?

YES, I JUST FORGOT MY BAG IN THE DRESSING ROOM!

GO AND LEAVE EVERY-THING ON THE TABLE! I'LL GUARD YOUR THINGS!

BRIIP BRIIP BRIIP

BE QUIET, YOU!

FUZZZ

THE GIRL IS RIGHT, VERA! YOU ARE TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE!

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CEDRIC! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE? WILL MUST NOT SEE US TOGETHER!

BE QUIET! I WILL GIVE BACK MY PLACE TO THE REAL BARTENDER BEFORE SHE COMES BACK!

ARE YOU CHECKING UP ON ME? DO YOU THINK I CAN'T DO IT?

NO! I JUST WANT TO TELL YOU THAT YOU'RE DOING A FANTASTIC JOB!

THANKS TO YOU, MY PLAN IS UNFOLDING PERFECTLY! MY BRIGHT, SKILLFUL, AND SLY...

...ELYON!

AFTERNOON, INSIDE THE HEATHERFIELD LIBRARY...

LIFE IN THE MIDDLE AGES! PEOPLE IN THE DARK YEARS! AND SO ON AND SO FORTH! HERE IT IS!

WE'LL BE CLOSING IN THREE HOURS! ARE YOU SURE YOU CAN MANAGE TO READ EVERYTHING?

NO, BUT I CAN TRY! THANKS FOR FINDING THE BOOK!

WELL, IT'S MY JOB! AND I'VE A LOT OF TIME TO SPARE...

I WISH I'D HAVE A LOT OF TIME TOO! LOOK AT ALL THESE BOOKS I HAVE TO READ! SOME PROBLEMS ARE NOT SOLVED BY MAGIC.

UHM! THE DARK AGES! RICH AND POOR! IT'S OBVIOUSLY VERY SIMILAR TO...

...MERIDIAN!

SHHH!

OOPS! SORRY! EXCUSE ME!

OH SURE! I CAN READ SOME OF THE BOOKS AND THEN GET DETAILS FROM MY PERSONAL EXPERIENCE!

"I HAVE SEEN THE WAY PEOPLE IN MERIDIAN LIVE! THEY HAVE DIFFICULT LIVES, WHEREAS PRINCE PHOBOS HAS THE POWER..."

YES! BEFORE I START WORKING, I'D BETTER TURN OFF MY CELL PHONE...

RRRRIIIP

UH? I DON'T REMEMBER TURNING IT OFF!

WELL, IT'S BETTER LIKE THIS! NOW LET'S SHOW PROFESSOR COLLINS WHAT I'M CAPABLE OF!

CLICK! THE SUBSCRIBER CANNOT BE REACHED! PLEASE TRY AGAIN LATER!

WE CAN'T DO ANYTHING! WILL CAN'T BE FOUND!

DID IT EVER CROSS YOUR MIND THAT SHE COULD BE DISPENSABLE?

SECOND, STOP GIVING ME NICKNAMES LIKE CORNY!

WHAT? YOU CAN'T ASK ME TO DO SUCH A THING!

IT WOULD BE LIKE ASKING HAY LIN NOT TO WRITE ON HER HANDS ANYMORE!

BY THE WAY, WHAT IS SHE SCRIBBLING ON HER PALM?

LISTEN TO ME, CORNY! WITHOUT WILL, I WON'T DARE ENTER THAT HOUSE!

FIRST, WE ARE PERFECTLY **ABLE** TO MEET MRS. RUDOLPH BY OUR-SELVES!

THEY MAKE US... RESERVE...

NO! IT'S SOMETHING LIKE, WHERE IS SOMEONE...OR...

SIGH! AND I WANTED TO BE DISCREET ABOUT IT! I'LL SAY IT OUT LOUD!

THERE IS **SOMEONE** OBSERVING US!

SPLUSH

AND NOW DON'T BE SHY! DO YOU LIKE MILK WITH YOUR TEA?

DO YOU HAVE **POWERS** TOO, PROFESSOR RUDOLPH?

MAKING CUPS AND SPOONS **LEVITATE** ISN'T A POWER! I SAY IT'S A USEFUL GIFT!

ALL MY **FELLOWMEN** HAVE MAGICAL CAPABILITIES! BUT THEY'RE NOTHING COMPARED TO YOURS!

WHY DID YOU INVITE US HERE? DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING TO TELL US?

LAST TIME WE MET, I WAS HIDING IN THE UNDERGROUND OF **MERIDIAN**...

"WANDERING ABOUT THOSE DARK PLACES, I HAD THE CHANCE TO MEET MANY REFUGEES! **REBELS** WHO HATED **PHOBOS**!"

"SOME OF THE MOST RESENTFUL AND WELL-TRAINED ONES HAVE PRESENTED THEMSELVES TO VATHEK, THE SERVANT OF CEDRIC!"

"THAT **UNRELIABLE** PERSON WAS SAID TO HAVE LEFT HIS MASTER. NOW HE IS OFFERING TO PUT HIS KNOWLEDGE AT THEIR SERVICE!"

AND SO? WHAT IF IT'S THE TRUTH?

LET'S SPEAK HONESTLY! DO YOU TRUST ME?

CERTAINLY!

SURE!

OF COURSE!

THEN WHY HAVEN'T YOU TOUCHED THE TEA AND THE BISCUITS? DO YOU THINK THEY'RE POISONED?

UH? THEY AREN'T, ARE THEY?

TELL ME, IRMA? WEREN'T YOU THE ONE AFRAID OF MRS. RUDOLPH?

WELL, YES! BUT THESE BISCUITS SEEM HARMLESS!

AND, IN FACT, THEY ARE! I ADVICE YOU TO TASTE THE COCONUT ONE, DEAR!

WHAT? YOU CAN READ OUR THOUGHTS?

BUT THIS MORNING, IN OUR CLASSROOM...

LET'S TALK ABOUT A MORE SERIOUS MATTER. YOU CAN UNDERSTAND HOW HARD IT IS TO TRUST VATHEK!

THAT MAN HAS CONVINCED A GROUP OF DESPERATE PEOPLE TO INVADE EARTH TONIGHT!

WHEN EXACTLY?

HE HAD TO RECRUIT OTHER REBELS, BUT THE INVASION IS SCHEDULED AT 7 PM!

OH, NO! IT'S ALREADY 5 PM!

DO YOU KNOW WHICH PASSAGE WILL BE OPENED IN THE GREAT WALL?

UNFORTUNATELY, NO! I HOPED YOU COULD TELL ME THAT!

I HAVE THE MAP OF THE PORTALS WITH ME, BUT WITHOUT THE HEART OF KANDRAKAR...

...IT WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE TO KNOW WHICH PORTAL WILL OPEN!

LET'S FIND OUT BY DEDUCTION! WHERE DID YOU ENCOUNTER CEDRIC AT HEATHERFIELD?

IN THE GYMNASIUM! BUT WE HAVE ALREADY CLOSED THE HIDDEN PORTAL IN THAT PLACE!"

"SEE W.I.T.C.H. #1, HALLOWEEN.

WAIT, THE BOOKSHOP! IF I REMEMBER CORRECTLY, CEDRIC OWNED ONE!

YES! IT'S THE RIGHT PLACE TO HIDE A PASSAGE!

LET'S GO! THERE IS NO TIME TO LOSE!

JUST A MOMENT, CORNELIA!

TO FACE AN ENTIRE ARMY, WE NEED WILL! AND YOU KNOW THIS, TOO!

I AGREE WITH IRMA! WE MUST FIND HER!

ALL RIGHT! LET'S SPLIT UP AND FIND HER!

BUT AT 6:30 PM, WE MUST MEET UP IN FRONT OF CEDRIC'S BOOKSTORE...

"...WITH OR WITHOUT WILL!"

UHM! MOMMY'S CAR! SHE CAME HOME EARLIER! COLLINS WOULD HAVE TOLD HER ABOUT MY **ABSENCE** FROM SCHOOL!

WORSE! COLLINS IS **HERE!** IF I'M RIGHT, THAT'S HIS CAR OVER THERE!

WHO KNOWS HOW MANY LIES HE HAS TOLD HER ABOUT ME...

SHE'S A SMART GIRL! VERY SENSITIVE AND INTELLIGENT.

NOW DON'T DISSUADE ME, **DEAN!** I MUST **PUNISH HER!** SHE SKIPPED SCHOOL!

COME ON, **SUSAN!** WILL DOES NOT ACT IMPULSIVELY! SHE MUST HAVE HAD A GOOD REASON!

ANYWAY, SHE COULD HAVE LEFT HER CELL PHONE ON! WHAT WORRIES ME IS NOT KNOWING...

...WHERE SHE IS...

T-CLACK

SPEAK WITH HER, DEAN! I...I DON'T KNOW HOW TO REACT!

FORGIVE ME MOMMY, THERE IS NOT MUCH TO SAY!

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I'LL BE GOING TO THE SWIMMING POOL! SEE YOU!

SLAM

IT'S A REPORT ON THE LIFE OF MAN LIVING IN THE MIDDLE AGES! ABOUT THIRTY PAGES!

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

I DON'T KNOW! I HAVE NEVER ASKED HER TO DO SUCH A THING! BUT IT APPEARS STRIKING!

STRIKING IS A BAD CHARACTERISTIC OF HERS!

WILL VANDOM
TERZA A

WELL! FOR THIS, SHE REMINDS ME OF SOMEONE!

VANDOM

WHEW! I DID IT! I THOUGHT MOMMY WOULD FOLLOW ME! SHE HAS SUCH A BAD CHARACTERISTIC...

IT WILL BE BETTER NOT TO MESS WITH IT! NOW LET'S SWITCH THE CELL PHONE ON!

IS IT DEAD? I DON'T UNDERSTAND! I CHARGED THE BATTERY LAST NIGHT!

BIP

I'LL JUST ASK IT FOR AN EXPLANATION! IT'S NOT AS IF I DON'T HAVE THE POWER TO TALK TO APPLIANCES!

WHAT DO YOU WANT?

WHAT DO YOU WANT?

STOP MAKING AN ECHO! YOU AREN'T A **DUAL BAND** PHONE!

TSK! A **GENERATION** MORE AND I WOULD HAVE HAD A RINGER WITH A **VIBRATE** MODE!

AND ANYWAY, HAVE SOME RESPECT FOR ME! AM I OR AM I NOT YOUR **VICE-MUMMY?**

C'MON! DON'T BE SO FRESH AND JUST TELL ME WHY YOU ARE DEAD!

ASK YOUR **FRIEND!** SHE WAS THE ONE WHO SWITCHED ME OFF! I TOLD THE RINGER...

JUST A MOMENT!

WHICH **FRIEND** ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

"WHAT? IMPOSSIBLE!"

AT THE POOL, 6 PM.

VERA! ARE YOU BUSY?

NO, WILL! I WAS JUST LOOKING FOR YOU! WHY AREN'T YOU WEARING YOUR SWIMSUIT YET?

LET ME ASK YOU A QUESTION, WHY ISN'T ANYBODY HERE YET?

I'VE CONVINCED THE DIRECTORS TO GIVE YOU SOME FREE TIME FOR AT LEAST THREE HOURS!

AND ALL THIS, FOR ME? YOU HAVE A LOT OF POWER, DON'T YOU?

WELL, I'M ONLY A TRAINER! BUT THEY LISTEN TO ME AND...

PERHAPS MY QUESTION WASN'T SO CLEAR. WHAT SPELL DID YOU USE TO CONVINCE THE DIRECTORS?

I DON'T UNDERSTAND!

YOU HAVE MAGICAL CAPABILITIES! A LITTLE BIRD TOLD ME! MY PORTABLE PHONE!

WELL, YOU'VE FINALLY FIGURED IT OUT! YOU DON'T KNOW HOW DIFFICULT ACTING IS...

...FOR ME!

ELYON?

HOW WERE YOU ABLE TO CHANGE YOUR APPEARANCE?

CEDRIC IS A GOOD TEACHER! DID YOU DO THE REPORT HE ASKED YOU TO DO?

WHAT? HE...WAS COLLINS?

OH YES! YOU CAN'T TRUST ANYBODY! JUST STAY WHERE YOU ARE!

NOW I UNDERSTAND WHY I FELT LIKE FAINTING! BUT WITH ELYON, I NEVER FELT IT BECAUSE SHE WAS MY FRIEND!

JUST TELL ME ONE THING! WHY?

I DON'T KNOW EVERY-THING! IT'S CEDRIC'S PLAN AND I TRUST HIM!

MY ONLY MISSION WAS TO WITHHOLD YOU BY FAIR MEANS! BUT SINCE YOU'VE DISCOVERED ME...

A GIGANTIC WATER SNAKE! I HAVE TO TRANSFORM MYSELF . . .

. . . I MAY HAVE TO TAKE MORE DRASTIC MEASURES!

AAAGH! LET ME GO, YOU BIG BEAST!

AND, SINCE I CONTROL THE POWER OF WATER . . .

IRMA?

I CAN'T HEAR YOU, WILL! MAYBE SOME WATER HAS GOTTEN INTO ITS EARS!

FRUUUSSHH!!!

SPLASH

EEEK! GOOD THING WILL IS A STRONG SWIMMER!

AT LEAST, I HOPE SHE IS!

GOOHHH!!!

AND NOW... IT'S BETWEEN THE TWO OF US, ELYON!

DON'T COUNT ON IT, IRMA! BUT DON'T WORRY, WE'LL SEE EACH OTHER SOON!

UH?

SHE... DISAPPEARED!

SHE MUST HAVE TELE-TRANS-PORTED HERSELF!

WILL!

EVEN IF SHE HAS CEDRIC FOR HER MENTOR, I DIDN'T THINK ELYON COULD BE SO **POWERFUL!**

EXCEPT FOR THE **DIVE**, I THANK YOU! HOW DID YOU GUESS I WAS HERE?

I ONLY THOUGHT OF LOOKING FOR YOU IN THE MOST **AGREEABLE** PLACE FOR ME! THE SWIMMING POOL!

I'LL TELL YOU EVERYTHING ON THE ROAD! WE STILL HAVE A LONG DISTANCE TO WALK, SO HURRY!

HEATHERFIELD. CEDRIC'S BOOKSHOP. 6:30PM.

WE HAVE NO CHOICE! THERE'S NO SIGN OF THEM!

NOW, IN ADDITION TO WILL, IRMA IS MISSING TOO! WHAT SHOULD WE DO, CORNELIA?

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I DON'T KNOW! LEAVE ME ALONE!

WHY CAN'T CERTAIN DECISIONS FALL FROM THE SKY?

CLAAAANG

WILL! IRMA! HOW DID YOU GET THERE?

WITCHES USE BROOMS TO FLY! I THOUGHT OF USING THE BICYCLE!

WILL IS ALL WET! DURING OUR FLIGHT, SHE DEFINITELY...

AT-CHOO!

...CAUGHT A COLD! SNIFF!

EHM! THE END JUSTIFIES THE MEANS!

WILL! I...

LET'S HAVE OUR DISCUSSIONS AFTER! AND LET'S PUT ASIDE THE SOPHISTICATED ACTION PLANS, TOO.

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CORNELIA, EARTH! TARANEE, FIRE! HAY LIN, AIR! IRMA...

SKRAAANG

WHAT A KNOCK! SHOULD WE BARGE IN WITHOUT PERMISSION?

WELL, IT'S WRITTEN ON THE SIGN THAT ENTRANCE IS FREE!

WELCOME! IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR A PARTICULAR BOOK, YOU HAVE TO FOLLOW ME TO THE **BACK!**

ELYON! WHAT DOES SHE HAVE TO DO WITH ALL THIS?

I'LL EXPLAIN AFTER! NOW, WE HAVE TO **FOLLOW** HER!

IT'S SO DARK! WHERE IS SHE?

SHE DISAPPEARED BEHIND THOSE SHELVES!

NO! SHE'S OVER THERE!

IT'S NOT POSSIBLE! I JUST SAW HER ON THE OTHER SIDE!

IF I HAD A MOMENT TO SPEAK WITH HER, I...

WAIT! DID YOU SEE WHERE SHE **ENTERED?**

THERE SHE IS! WAIT, ELYON! IT'S CORNELIA!

THAT IS NOT YOUR REAL FRIEND! ON THE CONTRARY, TRY TO STOP HER!

SHE HAS LED US INTO A TRAP! OR SHE WANTS TO MISLEAD US!

GUYS! DO YOU HAVE THE SAME BAD FEELING THAT THIS BOOKSHOP...

...HAS BECOME...

...A REAL LABYRINTH?

I HOPE IT'S A MAGIC TRICK! OTHERWISE, DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA HOW MANY **LOST CLIENTS** THERE ARE IN THIS BOOKSHOP?

AH!

IS EVERYTHING ALL RIGHT, WILL?

I'M OKAY! THE USUAL FAINT! THE **INVASION** HAS BEGUN! I **FEEL** IT!

FOLLOW ME! I'LL TRY TO TURN TO THE EAST AMONG THE SHELVES...

"...TO REACH THE **SOURCE** OF THE PROBLEM!"

HURRY UP BEFORE THE PORTAL CLOSES AND THE **GREAT WALL** EATS YOU!

COME ON! HURRY UP!

CEDRIC! THE GUARDIANS ARE HERE!

NEVER MIND, ELYON! STAND BEHIND ME! THOSE REBELS MUST NOT SEE US!

HURRY UP! BEFORE THE...

YOU'VE ALREADY SAID IT, VATHEK! DON'T BE REPETITIVE!

THE GUARDIANS! GET THEM!

DON'T I EVER KEEP MY MOUTH SHUT?

DO YOU KNOW HOW IT'S SAID, GIRLS? WITH AIR!

AGRRR!

WOOOOSSSHHHH

WASH AWAY THE FIRE, IRMA!

SHAATZZZZZ

AND HOW? I HAVE THE POWER OF WATER BUT THERE ARE NO FIRE HYDRANTS HERE!

THERE ARE TONS OF BOOKS HERE! I DON'T WANT TO RISK BURNING DOWN THE WHOLE BUILDING!

WOOOMMM

AVOID THE CREATURES! CONCENTRATE ON THE PORTAL! WE MUST CLOSE IT AT ALL COSTS!

SHAAAAAATTZZZ

THEY MIGHT SUCCEED IN CLOSING THE PORTAL!

I MUST STOP THEM! THE INVASION HAS JUST STARTED!

WHERE ARE YOU GOING? THEY WILL SEE YOU AND...

LOOK, BROTHERS!

ZIIIAAATZZZ

THAT IS THE SERVANT OF PHOBOS! CATCH HIM!

UH, WHAT ARE THEY DOING? THEY ARE AGAINST CEDRIC?

NOT AGAINST HIM, BUT AGAINST WHAT HE REPRESENTS!

"YEARS OF LIES! OF POVERTY!"

LET GO OF ME! IN THE NAME OF YOUR KING!

"OF SUFFERING!"

NOW, YOU'LL GET WHAT YOU DESERVE! IN THE NAME OF MERIDIAN!

ZIIIAAATZZZ

SHAA TZZZ

NO!

WILL!

BUT WHAT...

IT'S A MIRACLE!

SHE'S STILL **ALIVE!**

NO!

THIS IS NOT THE WAY TO SOLVE YOUR PROBLEMS!

YOU... WHAT DO YOU KNOW OF OUR CONDITIONS?

I KNOW!

I KNOW THAT YOUR HEARTS ARE NOT CLOUDED! YOUR DREAMS ARE NOT NIGHTMARES!

I KNOW YOU ARE PROUD PEOPLE WHO NEED RESPECT! WHO LOVE LIFE!

AND I ALSO KNOW THAT SOON, YOUR WORLD WILL CHANGE! AND YOU, WITH IT!

YES! IT WILL CHANGE! BUT ONLY WHEN YOU ARE DESTROYED!

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MOVE BACK, VATHEK! SHE AND HER FRIENDS WILL CLOSE THE PORTAL AGAIN!

KEEP HER AWAY! YOU'LL GAIN FREEDOM THIS WAY! IT IS A NEW WORLD WHERE...

IT'S USELESS! THEY WON'T DO IT!

THEY WILL COME BACK WITH ME TO THEIR... TO OUR WORLD!

SHALL I REMIND YOU WHO COMMANDS YOU, BIG BEAST? DO YOU KNOW WHO YOU ARE TALKING TO?

...AND I'VE JUST DECIDED TO ACCEPT IT! LET'S GO, BROTHERS!

TRAITOR! PHOBOS HIMSELF WILL MAKE YOU REGRET YOUR DECISION!

YOU WANT TO ELIMINATE THE ONLY PERSON WHO HAD PITY FOR YOUR MISERABLE LIFE!

W-WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO YOU?

A LITTLE MIRACLE! THESE DAYS, I'VE LIVED WITH THE BEST PART OF MY BLACK SOUL...

I'LL WAIT FOR HIM WITH OPEN ARMS, IN THE INNARDS OF MERIDIAN!

KWAAM

CEDRIC!

TAKE ME AWAY, ELYON! YOU ARE THE ONLY ONE LEFT...

...ONLY YOU...

INCREDIBLE! FANTASTIC!

THOSE WORDS! HOW DID YOU DO IT...

I DON'T KNOW! THEY ALL JUST CAME OUT OF MY MOUTH! AS IF I ANNOUNCED THEM ON BEHALF OF...

...SOMEONE ELSE...

SHEFFIELD INSTITUTE. THE MORNING AFTER...

MUST WE BELIEVE IT?

IN THIS STORY OF DIFFERENT BETRAYALS, EVERYTHING IS POSSIBLE!

YES! BUT THIS IS NOT A REAL MARK!

IT'S TOO HIGH! IT JUST DOESN'T EXIST IN RELATION TO SCHOOL GRADES!

YOU'RE JUST JEALOUS! COLLINS SAID MY REPORT WAS VERY REALISTIC!

ARE YOU SAYING YOUR OPINIONS ABOUT HIM HAVE CHANGED?

DON'T EXAGGERATE! LET'S JUST SAY HE GAINED SOME POINTS!

WILL! I HAVE TO TELL YOU SOMETHING!

CORNELIA, I...

YOU MUST LET ME SPEAK!

WILL WINDOW TERZA A

I WANT TO TRY TO EXPLAIN WHAT I FEEL! EVEN IF SOMETIMES THE WORDS ARE NOT ENOUGH...

IF THE HEART OF KANDRAKAR HAS BEEN LEFT TO YOU, THERE MUST BE A REASON! AND I DISCOVERED IT ONLY LAST NIGHT!

GIRLS, WHAT A TOUCHING MOMENT! I CANNOT CRY ALONE! WHERE'S TARANEE?

SHE'S TRYING TO TAKE PHOTOS OF SOME **BLACK BUGS** FOR BIOLOGY AGAIN!

A GRASSHOPPER! IT WENT TOWARDS THAT BUSH! IT MUST BE A MEETING PLACE FOR THE INSECTS!

IT'S THERE WHERE URIAH AND HIS GANG MADE MY VERY BEAUTIFUL BUTTER-FLY...

...ESCAPE?

NIGEL!

NIGEL! HURRY UP!

YES, URIAH! I'M COMING!

SOMETIMES...

...THE WORDS...

...ARE NOT ENOUGH...

END OF THE EPISODE